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HERE is a great opportunity for the leading three or four maritime nations of the world to effectuate something real in the way of a disarmament program. It has been my observation that officials of various governments have been inclined to oppose disarmament, but one should note carefully whence these arguments come.

The people, however, are for disarmament everywhere. They want it, and they should want it, because it is the only way to stop the ever-mounting burdens of taxation. However, we shall never get any real measure of disarmament except through a great popular movement for it.

I have no doubt at all that an agreement could be reached if the people of the respective countries could have their voices heeded. Whether or not the militaristic forces, the armament forces, the armament trust, and the men who represent them both in this country and elsewhere are sufficiently strong to prevent the people from having their way, I do not yet know. They give some indication of activity. It may be that they will control the situation. There is no doubt that the masses of Japan, the same as the masses of this country, desire an understanding by which the two nations shall not enter into a competitive building naval program. It is equally true, in my judgment, in England.

The point, however, the most important point is that there is a practical possibility of it. I think there is other good to be had from the effort, even if we do not succeed as fully as we desire. I think we owe it to the people of the country, before we put upon them any greater burden for naval armament, to demonstrate that the men in public places have used their utmost effort, and in good faith, to secure an understanding. We ought not to ask them to carry

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